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The interest in parapsychological phenomena has been growing steadily in the Soviet Union in recent years. New cases of telepathy, telekinesis and the so-called "skin vision" (seeing with closed eyes through the skin) are continually acknowledged and scientifically evaluated. In increasing measure scientific, official and military institutions are participating in the researching of these phenomena. Only a small amount of this [however] becomes publicly known.

Thus, for example, there appeared in the magazine of the KGB, "Na boewom pontu," in December of 1976 an interview with TOFIK G. DADSCHEW. This young man had until recently astounded the public with his unpremeditated tricks [displayed] in public performances. Among other things, in a demonstration in the Moscow TV center he had himself given imaginary orders and informed the audience of them. Among 50 photos of a military post, he located the 4 persons who had been involved in the experiment. Asked about his study techniques (he is a law student), he declared that he prefers the traditional methods of acquiring knowledge, since "tricking" the correct answer from the head of the professor conducting the test is an affront to the proper respect due his personality.

The magazine "Technology of Youth" reported in July 1978 another interesting case, connected with the death of a medium, a 38-year-old woman from Sverdlovsk in the Urals. Mrs. Rosa A. KULESCHOWA had demonstrated her skills to the editorial staff of the magazine shortly before her death. With eyes blindfolded, she read printed texts with her hands, even [texts] in closed covers. She was even able to read "Pravda" with her toes and elbows. They are already talking in scientific circles of an even more sensational case. This is said to be a peasant woman from the Volga region, who is able at a distance of several meters to cause filled water glasses to walk around on a table.

Besides these instances which have received publicity, there

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are those which can be discussed only by a selected public. Thus a scientist known to a member of an embassy staff has made talks, with film accompaniments, at 95 different institutes, administrative offices and military posts during the last few months on the subject, "Problems of Bioinformation and Unconventional Methods of Bio:stimulation."

According to reliable information, parapsychological experiments are presently being carried on at the following Soviet institutions:

1. Institute for Directional Problems of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR
2. USSR Ministry for Electronic Industry
3. Special Units of the Soviet Armed Forces and Institutes of the Soviet Defense Ministry
4. The Quant Scientific and Technical Society (Moscow and other cities)
5. Institute for Electronic Technology of the City of Frjasino
6. Institute for Electronic Technology of the City of Selenograd
7. Scientific Research Institute for Machinery Construction, Moscow
8. Energy Institute, Moscow
9. Physical-Technical Institute, Moscow
10. Technical-Physical Institute, Moscow
11. Advanced Teacher Training College of Moscow (Baumann Ins:itute)

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